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Document 137-PS

Lettre de KEITEL du 5
juillet 1940

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Der Chef des Oberkommandos
der Wehrmacht

Berlin W 35, le 5 juillet 1940
Tirpitzufer 72-76

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Au

Chef du Haut Commandement de l'Armée
Chef des forces armées dans les Pays-Bas,

Le Reichsleiter ROSENBERG a suggéré au Führer ce qui suit :

- 1°) Les bibliothèques d'état et archives seront fouillées pour trouver des documents de valeur pour l'Allemagne.

- 2°) Les Chancelleries et hautes autorités de l'Eglise et les Loges seront fouillées pour rechercher la preuve des manoeuvres politiques dirigées contre nous, et le matériel en question sera saisi.

Le Führer a ordonné que cette suggestion soit suivie et que la Gestapo aidée par les archivistes du Reichsleiter ROSENBERG aient la charge des recherches. Le chef de la police de sécurité S.S. Gruppenführer HEYDRICH a été informé, il se mettra en rapport avec le Commandant militaire compétant pour exécuter cet ordre.

Ces mesures seront exécutées dans toutes les régions des Pays-Bas, Belgique, de Luxembourg et France occupées par nous.

Il est demandé que les services subordonnés soient informés.

Le chef du Haut Commandement de l'armée

signé : KEITEL

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signé : illisible

Capitaine de Cavalerie et adjudant.

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DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings)

Title and Nature: Order KEITEL'S to Commanding General of the Netherlands re Einsatzstab

Date: 5 July 1940; Original ( ) Copy (x); Language German

If not English, is translation attached: Yes ( ) No ( )

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 29 Aug. 1945

Unknown. Certified copy found in Rosenberg Files, OCC, Nuremberg.

PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED: ROSENBERG, KEITEL, WEHRMACHT.

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADING (Key to par. nos. of Summary below)

1. SPOLIATION OF FOREIGN PROPERTY - direct seizure
2. IDEOLOGY, NAZI - Hohe Schule
3. WEHRMACHT - OKW.
4. POLICE - Gestapo

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS None

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. KEITEL informs the Commanding General of the Netherlands that HITLER had ordered the Gestapo to seize cultural objects in Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg and France, with the help of ROSENBERG'S experts.

2. SS-Gruppenfuehrer HEINRICH HEYDRICH has been notified.

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The Chief of the High Command of the Armed Forces
No. 2850/40 secret Adj. Chief OKW

(Please indicate above file number, the date and
short contents in the answer)

Berlin W 35, 5 July 1940
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To the Supreme Commander of the Army,
the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces in Holland.

Reichsleiter Rosenberg has requested from the Fuehrer to have:

1) The State libraries and archives searched for documents (Schriften) which are valuable for Germany.

2) The chanceries of the high church authorities and lodges searched for political activities which are directed against us, and to have the material in question confiscated.

The Fuehrer has ordered that this plan should be complied with and that the Secret State police - supported by the keepers of the archives of Reichsleiter Rosenberg - should be entrusted with the research. The Chief of the Security Police, SS Lt. General Heydrich, has been notified; he will get in touch with the responsible military commanders to carry out this order.

This measure should be carried out in all the territories of Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France which are occupied by us.

It is requested that the subordinate agencies should be notified.

The Chief of the Supreme Command
of the Armed Forces.

(Signed) KEITEL

To Reich leader Rosenberg
Copy for information
(Signed) Illegible

Captain (Rittmeister) and executive officer.

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OF DOCUMENT NO. 137-PS

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